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Gasoline Prices

The wide variation in gasoline prices throughout Canada is strikingly shown by the Canadian Press figures published in yesterday's Guardian. The standard gasoline prices and provincial taxes per gallon in leading centres from coast to coast are worth noting particularly:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Standard Tax. Locations include Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Halifax, Saint John, and Charlottetown.

It will be noted Prince Edward Island motorists, due to the gasoline tax of 10 cents imposed by the Campbell Government, are paying two cents more per gallon than is charged in Halifax and Saint John.

It is stated that following publication of the Prince Columbia Royal Commission report recommending drastic reductions in the retail price of gasoline, price reductions have been announced in both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

When the Campbell Government took office in this Province, the gasoline tax was 8 cents per gallon, and a surcharge was given that the Budget could be balanced without additional taxation or curtailment of any necessary public services in being highways. The tax was increased to 10 cents on the plea that extra revenue was needed for road paving.

Another promise included in the Liberal election platform was "a general investigation into the excessive cost of gasoline." No such investigation has been made. The "excessive cost" at the present time is due largely to the excessive tax—the highest on the North American continent—which the Campbell Government has seen fit to impose.

At Whose Expense?

According to an Associated Press despatch, dated New York City, Nov. 22, in the forthcoming negotiations between Great Britain and the United States, American farm producers are looking forward to a very substantial share of the preferential market now enjoyed by Canada and other Empire countries. They expect that in a few years the exports of United States agricultural products may again approach the high totals of 1929 on the British market.

In 1929, the United Kingdom imported from the United States 21,772,000 bushels of wheat at a cost of \$27,758,000; 1,317,000 barrels of flour (wheat) at \$7,852,000; 462,000,000 pounds of meat and edible animal fats at \$7,755,000; 8,256,000 bushels of apples at \$15,440,000, and 10,125,000 bushels of barley at \$9,237,000.

In 1936, these imports had declined to 197,000 bushels of wheat at \$195,000; 44,000 barrels of flour (wheat) at \$223,000; 139,513,000 pounds of meats and edible animal fats at \$23,855,000; 3,617,000 bushels of apples at \$5,182,000, and 6,293,000 bushels of barley at \$4,086,000.

New Zealand Tariffs

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, Mr. W. F. Bull, contributes an article to the current issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal, issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture, on the market prospects for canned fruit. One would have imagined that in return for the tariff reductions on lamb and other farm products given by the King Government on Sept. 30, New Zealand tariffs on Canadian canned products would have been correspondingly reduced. But we find that this is not the case.

"With the development of the local canning industry and competition from Australia," writes Mr. Bull, "the sale of Canadian fruit is not likely to increase. Domestic production last season was valued at nearly \$1,500,000 and, with adequate tariff protection and prosperous conditions, this total should increase. Australian packers have an advantage in lower freight charges and an equal exchange." There should be, suggests he, an expanding market for Canadian canned vegetables—such as asparagus, pork and beans, tomato juice and canned soups other than tomato soup; but this expansion, if it occurs, will be due to the general trade recovery and not to any activity on the part of the King

Government in obtaining lower duties for Canadian producers.

Recently it was stated in the Liberal press that Canada within the last two years had "succeeded in negotiating favorable trade expansion agreements with fourteen countries." How many of these agreements were, like the New Zealand agreement, merely an extension of a previous Conservative treaty, with lower tariffs on farm products entering Canada? That seems to be the King Government's idea of "favorable trade expansion". In the case of New Zealand lamb and mutton, perhaps we should be thankful that our tariff tinkers did not wipe out the Canadian farmers' protection altogether, as they did in the case of canned fruit and meats from Australia.

Editorial Notes

Andrew Carnegie born this date, 1835.

Felicitations to our esteemed citizen, Mr. Henry Smith, who today celebrates his 80th birthday.

What is the matter with the President of Council that he should be side-tracked as acting Premier? What does he get his \$1,000 per year for if not to act in the absence—frequent absences, alas!—of our Premier? Has Mr. LePage's indiscreet remarks at the W.C.T.U. got anything to do with his present isolation?

It is not wise to jump to conclusions, as our evening contemporary does in assuming the non-partisan nature of the appointment of the new Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Mr. Matthews is a brother of a former Conservative cabinet minister, but he is also a very strong Liberal. He was the defeated Liberal candidate for Toronto North East in the 1925 federal elections.

Indignation is ripe in Queen's County Liberal-land because of the policy of the Minister of Public Works in bringing King's County voters to take the bread and butter and salt and other purchasable necessities out of deserving Liberal mouths. It is claimed that the big, kind-hearted Minister is very solicitous about the welfare of friends and supporters down east, and cannot help being generous to them at the expense of Queen's County outlanders.

Here is Liberal picnicking on "the grand scale" as announced in yesterday's Liberal organ: "Hon. B. W. LePage, Dougald MacKinnon, M.P.P., Mr. A. Pickard and Mr. R. E. Mutch left yesterday for Ottawa to interview the government regarding the proposed car ferry service between Wood Islands and Nova Scotia. They will be joined at Ottawa by Premier Campbell and J. Walter Jones, M.P.P." "Will be" is good seeing the Liberal organ said he had left for Ottawa on Saturday. Where has he been in the meantime? Soon we'll be reading that the whole go have gone to spend Christmas in the Chateau Laurier.

A bit topsy-turvy, according to modern standards—but the good old days had their points. Wagon whips and curry combs were in greater demand than silverware, to judge by prices, and foodstuffs were so cheap that a dollar bill bought enough to load one down like a pack horse. Whiskey, according to an 1837 account book which turned up at a country general store the other day, sold then at 12 1-2 cents a quart, although one could get a better grade at 16 cents. "Cigars, which nobody hardly called for, went at eight for 2 cents; a dozen tea-spoons cost 8 cents; one dozen eggs, 12 1-2 cents; one pound of ham, 13 cents. But the price of a buggy whip was 87 cents and of a horse collar \$1.

The Caledonian Club have introduced an innovation this year by going abroad for an orator to propose the toast of "The Day and A' wha honour it" Professor Melville Cummings, D.Sc. of Truro Agricultural College having consented to undertake that important duty. He is reputed to be an orator of unusual ability. Indeed, the Club's invitation was sent to Premier Angus Macdonald, "the better-half an Islander," but regretfully he had to decline owing to a prior engagement, and suggested Dr. Cummings in his place. Rev. J. A. Nicholson will reply to the toast "The Land O' the Heather," while Premier Campbell will reply to "Our Province," and Mayor Turner to "Our Hame Toun". During the evening Major F. F. May, V.D., St. Eleanors will present on behalf of Miss Rollo Irving, Annan, Scotland, a photo of her late brother, Col. James Douglas Irving in the mess uniform of the King's Scottish Archers, the Royal Bodyguard in Scotland together with the silver brooch with the Irving arms worn by him at St. Andrew's Day functions.

Evidently the realistic vulgarity of Epstein art does not appeal to the aesthetic taste of present day idealists. The Rev. Dr. A. H. Rhodes of Holy Apostles Vicarage, Cheltenham, England, stirred to protest by Epstein's latest sculpture, "Consummatum Est," writes to The London Times for instruction in the art which it is said to exemplify: "May I be allowed to ask that we older folk, who have been brought up to believe that the great contribution of Greece to the world was her idea and portrayal of beauty, may be now instructed in the principles of the new 'art', not least from the psychological standpoint? I do not write from the religious point of view at all; the appalling horror of such a thing goes far deeper. I feel sure that others besides myself would welcome some attempt at explaining the mentality of such 'creations', as of cubist and futurist 'art', and of 'noise', which thinks it can produce color by glare of brass. Similar thoughts arise when one contemplates modern architecture, yet I hope it is unnecessary to emphasize that the varied styles of the centuries need not remain the only styles. But in the name of all that passes for 'beauty' in the minds of simple folk, let us cry a halt to the studied negation of beauty."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Britain is said now to favor restoration of the Spanish monarchs, in order to avert establishment of a Fascist regime in Spain. Don Juan, third son of Alfonso, is reported to be favored as the new king. Apparently, certain members of the British government feel that only by restoration of the constitutional monarchy can democracy be preserved. It is a curious thought that the institution of kingship, which once served in the way of freedom, should today be regarded as one of freedom's bulwarks.—Hamilton Spectator.

In a recent survey of the cost of living Great Britain has included attendance at motion-picture houses as a "family necessity." It is important, thinks the committee, that drab lives should have access to vicarious enjoyment. The picture industry is widely publicized a field as the motion picture industry.—Los Angeles Times.

The result is that today guarantors are finding themselves slowly diminishing group, hemmed in by the alliances of aggression. There is more than the sanctity of treaties—what there is left of them—at stake. Peace and democracy are at stake. The status of an ordinary Canadian high school, and thus effect unity and continuity in the new system of education. But if this is precisely what the reformers or "revisers" intend, then they should say so explicitly.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, in his autobiography, "This Is My Life," tells, among his many experiences as a diplomatic correspondent, of an interview with Mussolini. The Duke allowed Mr. Bartlett to ask any question he liked, but when each interview was over the manuscript had to be sent to be "vetted." The only alteration Mussolini made was significant," said Mr. Bartlett. "I had written 'The Duke's laughter encouraged me to ask another indiscreet question. In the manuscript it was returned to me, the word 'laughter' had been crossed out and 'sarcasm' substituted in its place. Apparently no dictator may laugh."—Chronicle Telegraph.

Great Britain has become alarmed by the enormous influx among undesirable foreigners into the country, and as a result, has decided to adopt drastic measures to export more than 100,000 of these during the next two years. She has been a sanctuary for thousands of refugees from all parts of the world. These refugees, and the friendly hospitality that has been extended to them, and consequently they are to be expelled. Scotland is in no way behind in the East End was stirred up by foreigners, and the task of watching them intently all the time has become too great.—Branford Expositor.

Lord Beaverbrook says there is no general war ahead and that in the way his paper The London Express, expresses his view point: The preponderant strength in arms in Europe belongs to the nations who desire above all to keep the peace.—Boston Transcript.

"London Relics of the East India Company" is the subject of an article in the November number of "The P. L. A. Monthly" which contains the following paragraph: "The unique and valuable collection of Persian, Indian and other Oriental books and manuscripts collected in the company's 'Oriental Repository' is now housed in the India office library, and the contents of the museum, which started as an offshoot of the 'repository', can now be seen at the Victoria and Albert museum at South Kensington. There, also, is the silver teapot bearing the company's arms, which was presented to that body in 1670, and a porcelain dish and fruit basket from Madras. The foreign secretary now uses the beautifully carved walnut chair with the company's arms, which was made for East India house about the year 1720."

Never notably gifted in phrase making, ex-President Herbert Hoover spoke a passage in Boston the other night which reached the high level of eloquence which often comes with the truth. Said he: "The nation is great not through dams in its rivers or its ships on the sea or the deposits in its banks. It is great by the moral fibre and character of its citizens. This truth bears, cannot be, forgotten, and is too often. It is particularly useful in our day when so much in our government, and perhaps in our education, emphasizes the material. Success in life is too frequently measured by a man's ability or equipment of people tested by their balances of trade.—Ottawa Journal.

Labour's attack on the policy of the British government seems unjustified. So far as the charge that the government places class above Empire is concerned, it seems it is doing the reverse. To war with Italy or Germany would be to ally itself to Russia, which is seeking to overthrow the democratic systems. It is steering a course between the Scylla of communism and the Charybdis of totalitarianism, and a piague on all their houses.—Ex.

The terrible period through which the drought areas in Saskatchewan have passed is revealed in the announcement Hon. J. W. Estey, minister of debt adjustment, has just made. He says municipal

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PUBLIC FORUM

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EDUCATION OLD AND NEW

Sir—In your issue of Monday 22nd inst. J. W. A. Nicholson of North Bedouque replies to a former letter of mine entitled "Reformers and Education." He protests against the use on my part of "slurs" and pseudonyms, and then goes on to say that the public does not know whether Old Teacher is an expert or an old man in his dotage.

We are not now suggesting that Mr. Nicholson is a young man, a middle-aged man, or an old man; nor are we greatly concerned with his name; it is his arguments, and not his personality, that concern us, and we must confess that he has not yet made it clear what the new system of education that he proposes would be like. He does not for instance explain how Prince of Wales College would retain its present standard in Latin, French and Mathematics when it would receive its matriculants from common public schools in which these subjects were not taught.

It is true of course that Prince of Wales College could be reduced to the status of an ordinary Canadian high school, and thus effect unity and continuity in the new system of education. But if this is precisely what the reformers or "revisers" intend, then they should say so explicitly. It is again Mr. Nicholson who in the event of the proposed change being made, Prince of Wales College could retain its present status if a system of high schools was established throughout our province to fill the gap made by the elimination of Latin, French, Geometry and Algebra from the common public schools. But again Mr. Nicholson says, in effect, that these would not be necessary, for he says no extra expense is anticipated in the proposed change.

It is again Mr. Nicholson who does not tell us just what academic attainments would be required of the new teachers. Would they be required to know anything about Latin, French, Geometry and Algebra, seeing they would not be required to teach these in the new schools? If Mr. Nicholson assures us that the new teachers would be required to have the same academic training as the old teachers, then we know that according to the system in the Canadian high schools, a country student would be required to attend Prince of Wales high school for three years in order to secure a second class teacher's license, and four years to secure a first-class teacher's license; so that in the case of teaching at least, the new system would be decidedly more expensive.

Of course we may grant for argument's sake that the new teachers would not require a knowledge of Latin, French, Geometry or Algebra, seeing these would not be taught in the new common public schools. And moreover, Mr. Nicholson tries to assure us that when Sir Richard Livingstone recently before a great convention of British scientists, recommended the "cultural and humanistic subjects" for the masses he did not have in mind anyone of the above-named subjects. That may be so, but we have our doubts.

We think in all fairness to the public that our reformers, "revisers," or whatever they wish to call themselves, should be more definitively constructive in their proposed changes. Thus far their only definite proposal is a negative one, namely, that no Latin, French, Geometry, or Algebra be taught in the common public schools. Their only constructive proposals so far consist of fine platitudes and broad generalities, which are quite all right so far as they go, but they do not constitute a new system of education for our Province.

I am, Sir, etc. AN OLD TEACHER.
taxes to the extent of over \$20,000,000 are to be cancelled. This affects 174 rural municipalities and local improvement districts. In addition relief liabilities in the same municipalities will be wiped out to the extent of \$20,000,000 to \$24,000,000. The total amount to be wiped out by the government, the municipalities and the mortgage companies is \$100,000,000. There could be no more striking evidence of what the province has suffered from the drought—Exchange.

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TREATMENT OF ACUTE RHEUMATISM IN CHILDHOOD

If every attack of tonsillitis were followed immediately by an attack of rheumatism, parents would not hesitate about having tonsils removed in children who have a sore throat frequently. Unfortunately the sore throat may be so slight that when an attack of rheumatism appears some weeks later the sore throat is not remembered, and the tonsils are therefore not bared.

Dr. Reginald Lightwood in The Lancet, London, says:—"It has been shown beyond reasonable doubt that the usual sequence or course of acute rheumatism in children consists of three phases—throat infection, period of quietness or rest from throat symptoms, and rheumatic attack. Since it is probably correct that without tonsillitis or sore throat, there would be little rheumatism, the first problem is to prevent throat infection in rheumatic children. Curiously, the most severe attacks of rheumatism seem to follow mild attacks of tonsillitis. We can do most for the rheumatic child at the time when he develops acute throat infection. In addition to painting the throat with a silver solution and potassium chlorate by mouth, there should be rest in bed until the pulse is down to normal."

Experience shows that the complete removal of the tonsils lessens the number of throat infections and should therefore help in suitably picked rheumatic cases. Removal of normal tonsils even in rheumatic children should not be advised. Dr. Lightwood further advises that even when the temperature and pulse are down to normal, the activity of the child should be kept down—lying flat for a few days, sitting up in bed for a few days, dressed and allowed on couch, and walking a few steps; up half a day; up all day. This great care following tonsillitis or sore throat in a rheumatic child is of course to guard the heart, as the greatest single cause of heart disease is rheumatism and the greatest single cause of rheumatism is sore throat. The points to remember from the above are that normal tonsils, even in a rheumatic child, should not be removed, but when there are repeated sore throats and tonsillitis, removing the tonsils helps greatly in preventing attacks of rheumatism.

The Poet's Corner
ICARUS
Here fell the daring Icarus in his prime,
He who was brave enough to scale the skies;
And here bereft of plume his body lies,
Leaving the 'tallent envious of that climb.
O rare performance of a soul sublime,
That with small loss such great advantage buys!
Happy mishap! fraught with so rich a prize,
That bids the vanquished triumph over time.
So new a path his youth did not dismay,
His wings but not his noble heart said nay;
He had the glorious sun for funeral pyre;
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